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## Identical letters dated 24 December 2002 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 24 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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**Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq**

**Inspection activities on 24 December 2002**

### I. IAEA inspection team

1. A group consisting of two inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0935 hours. At 0950 hours it arrived at the University of Technology in Baghdad. The group met with the president of the University and asked him about University equipment and departments. It requested a description of the departments, the names of the deans of the various faculties and information on the types of diplomas granted by the University and asked many other questions. After its meeting with the University president, the group asked for a list of names of the deans of the faculties. It then inspected the procurement office and examined some documentation there. It went on to inspect the laboratories of the chemical engineering and applied sciences departments and investigated the activities of the laboratories and the instruments and equipment in these departments. While it was inspecting the applied sciences department, the group requested a private interview with Dr. Sabah Abd al-Nur, a member of the departmental teaching staff at the assistant professor level whose scientific specialization is materials technology and who had in the past worked in Iraq's former nuclear programme. Dr. Abd al-Nur refused to be interviewed on his own and insisted that a representative of the National Monitoring Directorate (NMD) should be present. The group conducted the interview in the presence of the NMD representative, and it ascertained that Dr. Abd al-Nur had been a member of the teaching staff at the University of Technology for many years. The group completed its assignment at 1330 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1340 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours. At 1015 hours it arrived at the site of the Salah al-Din State Enterprise, an affiliate of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) that makes tools and electronics products. It is located in the Dawr district of Salah al-Din governorate, some 150 kilometres north of Baghdad. The team met with those in charge and asked about major operations and about buildings added since 1998. It then conducted a radiometric survey of all roads and facilities using hand-held instruments in order to detect any radioactivity there might be. It inspected the different departments and, in the course of its inspection, familiarized itself with the work of the various sections and departments and took a sample of triturated nickel. The group completed its assignment at 1335 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1525 hours.

### II. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. A group consisting of 10 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0940 hours it arrived at the Baghdad University College of Veterinary Medicine in Abu Ghraib, some 15 kilometres west of Baghdad. On arrival, it met with the

College's representative to the NMD and asked him a number of questions about the College and its activities, the number of students and ongoing research. The group then inspected parts of the main building and took a sample of a type of bacterium used in the production of animal vaccines, which was among the items included in Iraq's declarations. The group completed its assignment at 1300 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1335 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0910 hours it arrived at the National Food Industries Company in Za`faraniyah, a suburb of Baghdad. This is a mixed-sector company that makes juices and soft drinks. On arrival, the group met with the managing director and asked him about the various divisions of the company, the number of people employed, the types of products made and whether any of them were exported, the kinds of tests done on products, and annual production figures. The group's questions were answered. The group then inspected the production hangars, the quality control section and all facilities. The group completed its assignment at 1140 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1215 hours.

## III. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

1. A group consisting of nine inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0835 hours. At 0925 hours it arrived at the Shahid Abd al-Karim Abbas plant of the Rashid State Enterprise, an MIC affiliate, located some 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. The group met with the manager and asked about the date the plant was established, the origin of imported raw materials, production capacity, the number of employees and the reasons the plant was not operating. All of its questions were answered. The group completed its assignment at 1130 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1235 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0820 hours. It inspected four military sites, tagging the equipment subject to monitoring. The group completed its mission at 1450 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1520 hours.

3. A third group, consisting of 16 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours. At 0925 hours it arrived at the MIC's Nida' State Enterprise in Za`faraniyah, a suburb of Baghdad, a plant that makes dies, provides services to the industrial sector and the railways and produces replacement parts for food processing plants. It had been subject to the ongoing monitoring regime and came under missile attack during the United States and British aggression of January 1993, thus undermining its capacity to operate. It had been rebuilt as part of the reconstruction campaign, and had then again been bombed by the United States and the United Kingdom in December 1998. An IAEA inspection team had also inspected the site on 12 December 2002. The group inspected all facilities, checked the tagged machines and established coordinates for the entrance using a global positioning system (GPS) device. The group completed its assignment at 1240 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

## IV. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

1. A group consisting of 14 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours. At 0935 hours it arrived at the MIC's Hattin State Enterprise, which makes conventional munitions, some 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. An IAEA team had

inspected the site on 16 December 2002. On arrival, the group checked tagged equipment and materials and asked the general manager about major products and any changes there had been since 1998. The group then divided into three sub-groups, which inspected all the facilities, buildings and open spaces. The group completed its assignment at 1355 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1505 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 14 inspectors, left the Burj al-Hayat Hotel in downtown Baghdad at 0600 hours. At 1340 hours it arrived at the site of the State Petrochemical Industries Enterprise in Basrah governorate in southern Iraq. The group met with the general manager and asked about the enterprise and its operations and products. It then inspected all buildings and laboratories and checked tagged equipment. The group completed its assignment at 1730 hours and remained in Basrah governorate overnight.

V.

At 0415 hours a United Nations Antonov-124 aircraft landed at Saddam International Airport carrying three helicopters. They are to be assembled at the airport for the use of the inspection teams.

## VI. Remarks

1. On this day IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams made surprise inspections of 12 sites in and around Baghdad and of one in Basrah governorate, with 84 inspectors taking part. In the course of their visits the inspectors met with those in charge of the sites, who answered the questions asked. They also conducted radiometric surveys using hand-held instruments in order to detect any radioactivity there might be, and they photographed equipment and machinery subject to monitoring.

2. For the first time, an IAEA team interviewed an Iraqi scientist who had worked in the former nuclear programme. He is now working as an academic at the University of Technology in Baghdad. The interview took place in the presence of an NMD representative when the scientist refused to be interviewed on his own.